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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Electro Chemical Engineering GmbH

Serial No.: 09/937,154

Title: CHEMICALLY PASSIVATED OBJECT MADE OF
MAGNESIUM OR ALLOYS THEREOF

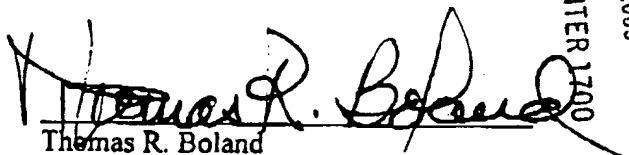
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is to authorize Tommy L. Foster, Doanh Vu, Phuong Vu, Heather Savia, and Mai-Han Vo, of the firm of PRIOR ART SEARCHES, INC., whose address is Crystal Towers (North), Suite #1, 1600 S. Eads Street, Arlington, VA 22202-9296 to inspect the file of the above-identified patent application and to make copies of all or any part of the application and assignment records.

Respectfully submitted,


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